

we pass the bill. And I think...I propose to bracket it to January of '96, to give us an opportunity to take the results of the...

PRESIDENT ROBAK: One minute.

SENATOR BROMM: ...program evaluation study and work with it this summer. Senator Robinson, or the Education Committee, or whoever is interested to work with it, and come back in January and know that we're doing the right thing with all the information on the table. Thank you.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Bromm. Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you, Madam President, and members, I rise in support of the motion to bracket by Senator Bromm. I appreciated his comments and agree with what he...what he said. In addition, I thought I might clarify a few points during the floor debate when this bill was last looked at on General...excuse me, on Select File. There were some comments made that, in retrospect, I don't think accurately reflected the situation with the School Weatherization Program. As I understand it, it was said on the floor that this program now funds something like 13 staff in the Energy Office, in fact, it's less than that. If you take the full-time and the part-time and total it all up, the total is less than five FTE, so that you don't end up...the image was that there's all these staff, this overblown staff running the program, and clearly that's not the case. So the one image that you may have had from the last debate was, oh, this is a bloated bureaucracy. No, no, it's much more limited than was suggested on the floor on Select File. Secondly, there was talk where there were only 7 loans in 1994, that, in fact, there were 23 loans for \$773,000, and that is pretty much how it's been for a number of years, that amount of loans, that amount of money. And, again, they are loans, as Senator Bromm said, they will come back to us. We lend the money out and we get the money back and we can lend it out again. The program proposed under this bill, as I understand it, is to simply give the money to schools. So I want to indicate again that this program does have significant activity going on right now. And then the last point was, well, outlived its usefulness, there's not really that many more schools that need to be weatherized. Well, currently, there are 34 applications for loans totaling 1.7 million, and it's thought that in addition there's another two to five million dollars on